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# THE SOUTH CAROLINA BIG 50

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE  
SOUTH CAROLINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
THE RANKING  
OF THE STATE'S MAJOR EMPLOYERS.



fter a three-year hiatus, the South Carolina Big 50 has returned. The South Carolina Big 50 ranks private, public and foreign-affiliated companies by the number of employees on their South Carolina payrolls as of July 1, 2011.

All companies with operations in South Carolina are eligible for the South Carolina Big 50. However, the ranking might not include all major employers in the state because the list is tabulated according to participant responses received. Participants were asked to provide their employment figures, location of corporate headquarters and products and services.

Individual company employment figures are not published in the South Carolina Big 50. Results reported for this 2011 issue of *South Carolina Business* represent approximately 206,000 employees, down 2,000 from approximately 208,000 in the 2008 issue.

Unlike the South Carolina 100 and South Carolina's 25 Fastest-Growing Companies, the South Carolina Big 50 includes company subsidiaries and divisions (both public and private), and parent companies do not need to be located in South Carolina. The South Carolina Big 50 includes financial institutions, insurance companies, retailers, retail establishments, hospitals and health care organizations. The South Carolina Big 50 excludes government agencies and organizations.

The top company remained the same as in 2008, with Walmart Stores Inc. continuing to be ranked at No. 1. BI-LO LLC remained No. 2, while Greenville Hospital System moved from No. 5 to No. 3.

Thirteen new companies not on the last list are represented in this year's rankings. They include: Lowe's Companies Inc., headquartered in Mooresville, North Carolina, ranked No. 8; Wells Fargo and Company, headquartered in San Francisco, California, ranked No. 9; Dollar General, headquartered in Goodlettsville, Tennessee, ranked No. 16; Robert Bosch LLC, headquartered in Farmington Hills, Michigan, ranked No. 17; HCA South Atlantic Division, headquartered in Charleston, South Carolina, ranked No. 19; Target, headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota, ranked No. 21; Duke Energy, headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, ranked No. 22; Walgreens Co., headquartered in Deerfield, Illinois, ranked No. 23; The Home Depot, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, ranked No. 24; Piedmont Medical Center, headquartered in Dallas, Texas, ranked No. 42; Blackbaud Inc., headquartered in Charleston, South Carolina, ranked No. 44; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company, headquartered in Columbia, South Carolina, ranked No. 46; and Staples Inc., headquartered in Framingham, Massachusetts, ranked No. 50.

The South Carolina Big 50 is compiled by the South Carolina based public accounting firm of J.W. Hunt & Company LLP, in cooperation with the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, under the direction of Anne H. Ross, CPA.

Realizing that business employment figures fluctuate constantly, the South Carolina Chamber encourages top employers to participate in the South Carolina Big 50 each year to ensure accurate rankings. To learn more about this year's survey or to be included in the survey for 2012, contact Anne Ross at 803-254-8196 or [aross1@jwhunt.com](mailto:aross1@jwhunt.com).

## THE 2011 SOUTH CAROLINA BIG 50®

No.	Company	Headquarters	CEO	Business Description
<b>10,001-30,000 employees</b>				
1	Walmart Stores Inc.	Bentonville, AR	Bill Simon	Retail stores
2	BI-LO LLC	Mauldin, SC	Michael Byars	Grocery retailer
3	Greenville Hospital System	Greenville, SC	Michael Riordan	Health care
<b>4,001-10,000 employees</b>				
4	Palmetto Health	Columbia, SC	Charles D. Beaman Jr.	Health care
5	BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina	Columbia, SC	David Pankau	Health insurance services and employee benefits
6	Michelin North America	Greenville, SC	Dick Wilkerson	Tire manufacturer and seller
7	BMW Manufacturing Co. LLC	Munich, Germany	Norbert Reithofer	Automobile manufacturing
8	Lowe's Companies Inc.	Mooresville, NC	Robert Niblock	Home improvement retailer
9	Wells Fargo and Company	San Francisco, CA	John G. Stumpf	Diversified, community-based financial services
10	Spartanburg Regional Healthcare	Spartanburg, SC	Lisa Owens	Health care
11	Roper St. Francis Healthcare	Charleston, SC	David Dunlap	Health care
12	Lexington County Health Services	West Columbia, SC	Michael Biediger	Health care
13	SCANA Corporation	Cayce, SC	Bill Timmerman	Regulated electric and natural gas operations

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14	Verizon Wireless Carolinas/Tennessee Region LP	Greenville, SC	Lowell McAdam	Wireless communications
15	MAU Inc.	Augusta, GA	William Hatcher	Staffing, recruiting and HR services
16	Dollar General	Goodlettsville, TN	Richard Dreiling	Discount retail
<b>2,501-4,000 employees</b>				
17	Robert Bosch LLC	Farmington Hills, MI	Peter Marks	Automotive components, industrial drive and control products
18	Piggly Wiggly Carolina Company Inc.	Charleston, SC	David Schools	Wholesale/Retail supermarkets
19	HCA South Atlantic Division	Charleston, SC	Teresa Finch	Health care
20	Milliken and Company	Spartanburg, SC	Dr. Joe Salley	Specialty chemical, floor covering and performance material manufacturer
21	Target	Minneapolis, MN	Gregg Steinhafel	Retail
22	Duke Energy	Charlotte, NC	James Rogers	Electricity
23	Walgreens Co.	Deerfield, IL	Gregory Wasson	Pharmacy
24	The Home Depot	Atlanta, GA	Frank Blake	Home improvement retailer
25	NHC – National Healthcare Corp.	Murfreesboro, TN	Robert Adams	Long-term/Rehabilitative health care
26	American Services Inc.	Greenville, SC	Henry Harrison	Contract security, staffing and janitorial
27	Louis Rich – Kraft Foods	Northfield, IL	Irene Rosenfeld	Food processing
28	URS Corporation	Aiken, SC	M.M. Koffel	Engineering, design, construction, nuclear waste cleanup
<b>2,001 to 2,500 employees</b>				
29	AT&T	San Antonio, TX	Randall Stephenson	Communications
30	Self Regional Healthcare	Greenwood, SC	James Pfeiffer	Health care
31	Providence Hospitals	Columbia, SC	Sister Judith Ann Karan	Health care
32	The Timken Company	Canton, OH	James Griffith	Highly engineered bearings, power transmission solutions and high quality steels
<b>1,501 to 2,000 employees</b>				
33	Bank of America	Charlotte, NC	Brian Moynihan	Banking and financial services
34	Tuomey Healthcare System	Sumter, SC	Jay Cox	Health care
35	Sonoco Products Company	Hartsville, SC	Harris DeLoach Jr.	Consumer and industrial packaging
36	BB&T of South Carolina	Winston-Salem, NC	Kelly King	Banking and financial services
37	Nucor Corporation	Charlotte, NC	Daniel DiMicco	Steel products and solutions
38	First Citizens Bancorporation Inc.	Columbia, SC	Jim Apple	Banking and financial services
39	Eaton Corporation	Cleveland, OH	Alexander Cutler	Electrical/hydraulics components and systems, truck and auto drivetrain systems, aerospace fuel



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40	Bridgestone Firestone Aiken County Facility	Nashville, TN	Gary Garfield	Passenger and light truck tire manufacturer
41	Pilgrim's Pride Corp.	Greeley, CO	William Lovette	Fresh, frozen and further processed chicken products
42	Piedmont Medical Center	Dallas, TX	Charles Miller	Health care
<b>1,000 to 1,500 employees</b>				
43	Oconee Memorial Hospital Inc.	Seneca, SC	Jeanne Ward	Health care
44	Blackbaud Inc.	Charleston, SC	Marc Chardon	Software and services for non-profit organizations
45	Time Warner Cable of South Carolina	Charlotte, NC	Glenn Britt	Communications
46	Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company	Columbia, SC	Randall Horn	Voluntary insurance, benefits communication and enrollment services
47	Kimberly-Clark Corporation	Irving, TX	Thomas Falk	Manufacturer of family and personal care consumer branded products
48	Defender Services Inc.	Columbia, SC	G. Hollis Cone	Staffing, janitorial and security services
49	Schneider Electric	Paris, France	Jean-Pascal Tricoire	Switchgear, switchboard, critical power
50	Staples Inc.	Framingham, MA	Ronald Sargent	Office supplies retailer



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TOP 25**  
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